

July 15. '39

Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh,

After thinking things over thoroughly and at great length, I have come to the conclusion that I must ask you to accept my resignation from the Anti-Partition of Ireland League. You will understand that the I.R.A. Campaign places an Englishman who is a member of the League in a very delicate position. Naturally, I am not foolish enough to postulate any connexion whatever between the I.R.A. or any other organization which is working to end partition. But the I.R.A., in carrying on their campaign, have made it difficult for any Englishman to plead the cause of the

league to English people, the newspapers here are not likely to listen to the case until there is any sign that the campaign of bombing is on.

I may say that before taking this step, which I do only with the greatest regret, I consulted the wisest Irishman I know. His considered opinion was that if the positions were reversed he would act as I am doing; he went further, & said that any other course would be dishonourable. Will you please place this letter before the Committee?

I will send you later some copies of my book.

Yours sincerely

W. B. Yeats